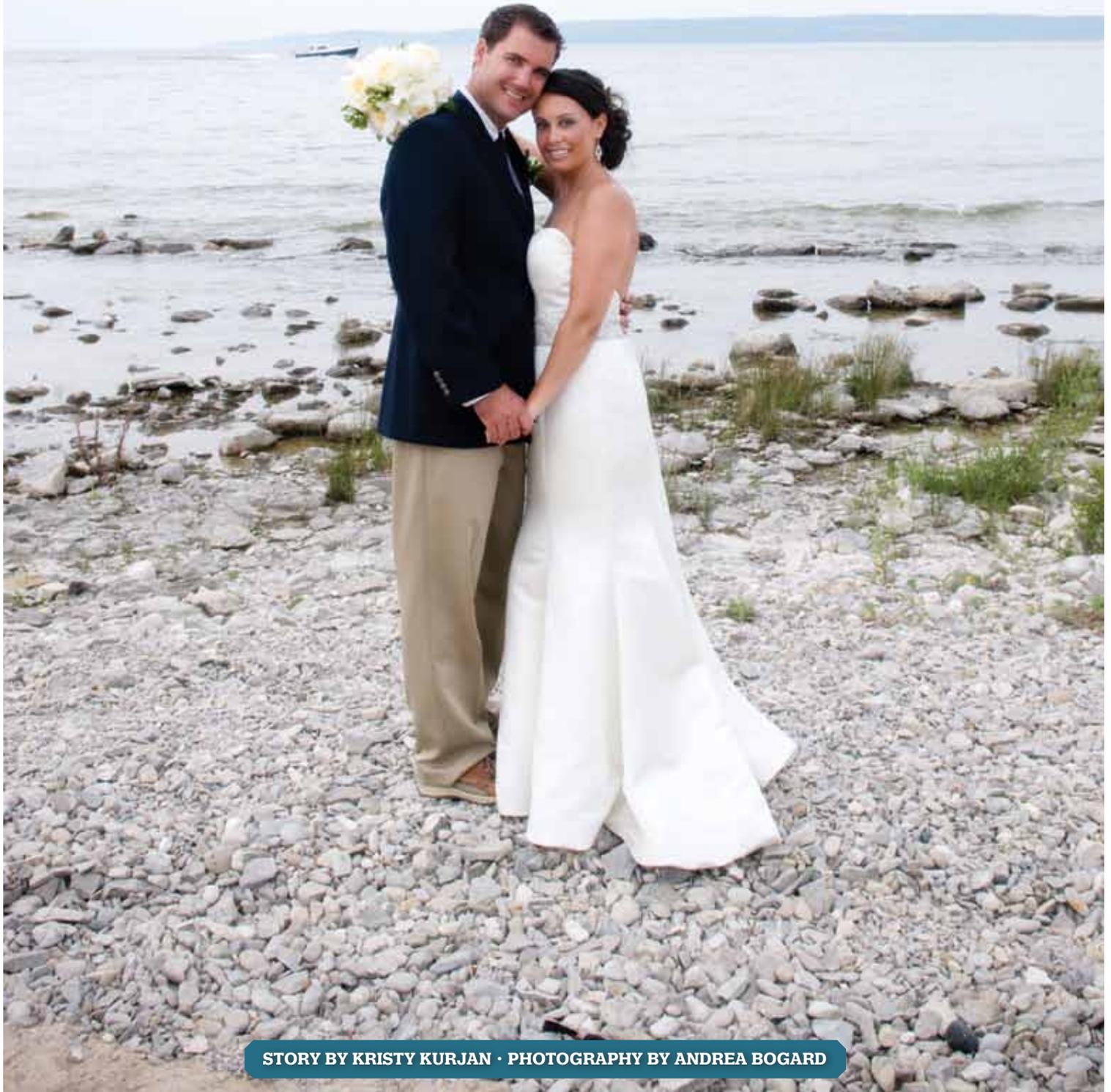


Bay Harbor Village Hotel



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Natalie Hernandez
Jason Havens

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As boats bobbed in the background, Natalie Hernandez and Jason Havens exchanged vows under a beach arbor cut from simple birch logs and draped in sheer white fabric. From his Sperry shoes to his navy coat, the groom's attire expressed the wedding's crisp nautical theme. His bride shone in a Priscilla of Boston ivory satin strapless gown accented with chandelier earrings and silver wedges. The effect was all that this Florida couple had imagined when they went searching for just the right wedding venue in Northern Michigan—where the groom grew up.

Tucked into the elegant Bay Harbor development with its 112-slip marina, 118 yacht slips and Lake Michigan views, the Bay Harbor Village Hotel offered a watery landscape, as well as fine accommodations for the out-of-town guests who flew in from as far away as Colombia and

Switzerland. The venue also offered the opportunity for an outdoor, tented reception for the 150 guests.

Deep blue tablecloths played out the nautical theme at the reception, where guests dined on a plated dinner of beef tenderloin and pan-roasted whitefish. Accented by brown chiavari chairs, white candles and lush floral centerpieces of stargazer lilies, roses and hydrangea, the atmosphere was classically romantic—and just the backdrop for Michael Bubl 's soft jazzy "Everything," that played as the couple danced their first as husband and wife. As evening descended, the moon rose over the water, and hanging lanterns lit up the dance floor. When the reception ended the party moved to the yacht-themed bar, Knot Just a Bar, next door. "It was everything I'd hoped for," says the bride of her special day.

Opposite page: The ceremony's beachside casual elegance set the tone for the entire wedding. The bride's chandelier earrings were a romantic foil for her strapless dress. The flower girl, who was the bride's niece and goddaughter, wore a floral head-wreath that mimicked the bridal bouquet.

This Page: Photo ops abound at Bay Harbor. Natalie's bridesmaids wore navy dresses and carried bouquets of hydrangea and lilies. Classic blue tablecloths lent a touch of nautical style at the waterside wedding.





This Page: Elegant centerpieces featured white candles, white lilies, and lush greenery. As night fell, guests relaxed under the stars. In honor of the bride's sweet tooth, the reception included a candy table featuring Hershey's kisses, Gummy Bears, and Reese's Mini Cups. The bride and groom wrote their own vows for their beach ceremony. The couple selected the Bay Harbor Village Hotel for the venue's ability to tastefully accommodate an outdoor wedding.





This Page: A chalkboard sign points the way. The cupcake tower was built with varieties that included red velvet, carrot cake, vanilla with chocolate ganache, and vanilla with fresh strawberries. The clock is a homemade replica of one at Legs Inn in nearby Cross Village—one of the couple's favorite restaurants. The dance party went well into the night with music provided by the Mac Daddy Band.

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Wedding Notebook

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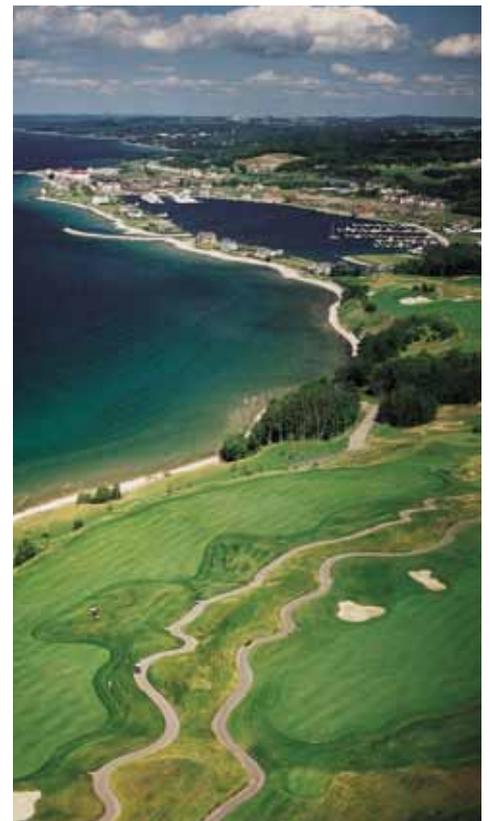
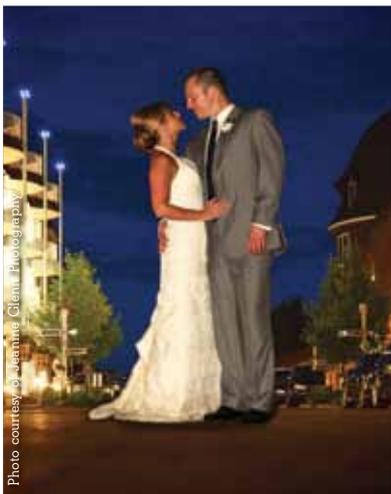
recreation

Guests traveling near or far will find plenty of options to pass the time while visiting Bay Harbor. Book a charter and set sail from Bay Harbor Lake Marina for a relaxing tour of Little Traverse Bay, to catch a trophy fish or simply enjoy the open water of Lake Michigan. Bring your clubs and challenge yourself to a round on the breathtaking links of the Bay Harbor Golf Club, ranked #8 of the top 100 Courses in America by *GOLF Magazine*. If relaxation is what you seek, claim your lounge chair and enjoy a stress-free and fun-filled day lying next to the pool or on the beach. Cruising the streets on a Segway, biking along paths offering stunning lake views, water sports, casino gaming, boutique shopping, unique dining options and horseback riding are additional area options. Winter guests can enjoy nearby downhill and cross country skiing, snowshoeing and ice skating.

Welcome to Northern Michigan's premier year-round destination!

Quaintly located on five miles of Lake Michigan shoreline and nestled above boutiques and restaurants in the charming Village at Bay Harbor, the Bay Harbor Village Hotel is a world-class

destination. Awake to the beauty of the lakeside, marina or Village and enjoy all the gorgeous amenities within walking distance of your hotel room. Guests will enjoy strolling the brick-paved roads, browsing the selection of boutique shops and dining in one of our four delicious restaurants. Say "I do" on our beautiful shores and begin your happily-ever-after in a truly unique and stunning destination.



accommodations

Bay Harbor Village Hotel offers a variety of rooms, including beautiful one-, two- and three-bedroom suites all with unique beauty and décor. For larger groups, enjoy the charms of Village living with extended stays in one of our Vacation Home Rentals. Each of our private homes is charming, beautifully designed and tastefully furnished. Our accommodations



provide the finest in comfort. Every time you stay with us you can have a totally different experience, but be assured you will always enjoy the splendor that Bay Harbor has to offer. We invite you to be our guest while enjoying the beauty of Bay Harbor.

services

The Village at Bay Harbor features options for every aspect of your special day. Located in the Village, not only will you find breathtaking venues for your event, but also a wide variety of services from Northern Michigan's finest wedding professionals. You will find services for floral and event design, specialty décor and papery, photography, hair and nail design, catering and cake design, as well as plentiful options for the rehearsal dinner and after-party. For an all-inclusive resort wedding, Bay Harbor Village Hotel offers the perfect destination for a memorable event!



event facilities

Whatever your vision for your special day, Bay Harbor Village Hotel has the backdrop you've been searching for. Available locations include a variety of unique indoor and lakefront venues. Exchange vows on our picturesque Sunset Beach or surrounded by water on our Observation Platform. Dance the night away underneath the stars on our Marina Lawn Panel or indoors overlooking the Village in our Lake Michigan Room. For a completely different ambiance, the Bay Harbor Equestrian Center offers a rustic, yet upscale, option. Guests will enjoy breathtaking views of the rolling hills and beautifully landscaped grounds. The Equestrian Club Lounge offers a warm and cozy atmosphere for a smaller event complete with a copper-topped bar and plush seating. For a more intimate occasion, our Village at Bay Harbor Intimate Wedding Package provides an all-inclusive, stress-free and cost effective option for elopements or events up to 50 guests.



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